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Amalgamation of Villages.

The proposed amalgamation of the shrotriyam village of Gouripuram with Kavini.

136 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether the shrotriyam village of Gouripuram in Hospet taluk is situated at the junction of three trunk roads and at the foot of a ghaut;

(2) whether there is a religious mutt to which pilgrims from various places periodically resort several times every year;

(3) whether criminal tribes like Lambadis reside in the forests and villages close by;

(4) whether it is under the consideration of the Government to amalgamate the shrotriyam village of Gouripuram with the neighbouring Government village of Kavini Basapur, and, if so, the reasons therefor;

(5) the savings to the Government which will result from the contemplated amalgamation;

(6) whether the shrotriyamdar of the inam village is willing to bear the loss to the Government, if any, by paying an equivalent contribution or in any other way; and

(7) the authority under which an inam village is clubbed with a Government village?

A.—(1), (2), (3), (5) & (6) The Government have no information.
(4) & (7) An inam village is clubbed with a Government village under the provisions of section 6 of the Madras Act III of 1895. The Board of Revenue being the authority under the Act, matters of detail relating to amalgamation of villages do not come up to Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"With reference to clause 4 of my question No. 136, will the Government be pleased to obtain the information, Sir?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE:—"Yes."

Bifurcation of District.

Bifurcation of the Kistna district.

137 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: With reference to the Government Press Communiqué, dated 6th October 1923, and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on the subject of the bifurcation of the Kistna district, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to say—

(*a*) what stage the matter has reached;

(*b*) whether any proposals for the re-arrangement of taluks have been made by individuals or by popular bodies; and

(*c*) if so, whether he will be pleased to lay them on the Editors' Table for the information of the people in the district?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The criticisms that were received by Government in response to the Press Communiqué, dated 6th October 1923, have been forwarded to the Board of Revenue for consideration and the Board's report is awaited. Details of the suggestions made are not therefore available with Government at present.

(*c*) The Government do not consider it necessary to publish all the proposals that may have been made by individuals or popular bodies.

Civil Justice.

Registrar, Court of Small Causes.

138 *Q.*— Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the qualifications of the gentleman who has been appointed Registrar of the Court of Small Causes; and

(*b*) the names and qualifications of the gentlemen who were recommended for the appointment by the High Court or by the Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes or by both?

A.—(*a*) He is a graduate in Arts and Law and a High Court Vakil and has served as an Additional Public Prosecutor, South Malabar.

(*b*) The Government decline to furnish the information as it is confidential and it is not in the public interest to disclose it.

Co-operative Societies.

Honorary Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Srivilliputtur.

139 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Honorary Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Srivilliputtur, took away the receipt book, cash-book and loan-ledger from the Toppupatti Co-operative Credit Society No. A. 361, Srivilliputtur taluk, on 17th June 1923;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Honorary Assistant Registrar not only refused to return the books to the society but also used defamatory words when asked for them by the President of the society;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the general body of the society in its meeting held on 9th August 1923 resolved to take necessary action (civil or criminal) against the Honorary Assistant Registrar and to represent the matter to the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Tinnevelly, and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras;

(*d*) what action has been taken by the department on the matter;

(*e*) whether the books have been returned to the society; if so, when and how; and

(*f*) whether Honorary Assistant Registrars are permitted to take away the books of Co-operative Credit Societies?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for a report.